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Repeal of Connally-Smith Act Asked In Bill By Rep. Lesinski

Washington, D. C.—Within a week after its enactment, a bill to repeal the Connally-Smith anti-labor act was introduced in Congress by Rep. John Lesinski, of Michigan.

Meanwhile, living up to AFL President Green's predictions, workers throughout the nation were living up to their voluntary no-strike pledge, thereby rendering most of the provisions of the obnoxious new law inoperative.

A mystery developed in Congress as to who spread the word that the President favored the enactment of the Connally-Smith bill when, in fact, he opposed it and later vetoed it. This rumor accounted for the fact that several friends of labor in Congress voted for the conference report on the bill.

Among these was Rep. Lex Green, of Florida. He made a special trip from home to vote against the bill in the House, but did vote for the conference report on the assumption that the President desired enactment of the measure. When the President vetoed it, Rep. Green voted to sustain the veto. He was, therefore, unjustly included in the list of labor's enemies which was taken from the roll-call on the conference report